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**German questions and recommendations to
the Ukraine**

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Madame President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of the Ukraine to the second cycle of the UPR. Germany appreciates Ukraine's efforts to implement recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR. However, Germany remains concerned about continued human rights violations and would like to offer the following recommendations to the government of the Ukraine:

- 1. Germany welcomes the adoption of the new Criminal Procedural Code by Parliament and recommends its implementation. The independence of judges has to be strengthened, the role of the public prosecution to be balanced and corruption in the judiciary system to be tackled.**
- 2. Germany recommends further strengthening of the judiciary by investigating all allegations of human rights violations by law enforcement officers and the police. Transparency can be increased by informing victims of human rights violations about inquiries conducted.**
- 3. Freedom of expression and freedom of association are essential human rights. Germany therefore recommends to pursue measures against state organs which attempt to limit media and journalists as well as initiatives to strengthen the diversity within the media.**
- 4. Regarding the issue of asylum and refugees UNHCR noted that the current refugee law is not fully in compliance with international standards especially regarding refoulement. Germany recommends to address these legal issues and to provide for suitable personal and financial equipment of the national migration service to push for an early conclusion of the organization reform from 2011.**
- 5. The LGBT community in the Ukraine continues to struggle against discrimination in the society. Germany recommends to increase efforts to improve the effective protection of LGBT's. Germany encourages Ukraine to abandon legislation work on draft law No. 8711 on so called "propaganda of homosexuality" and to refrain from other legislation infringing on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of LGBT persons.**

I thank you Madame President.